

WESTERN SYSTEMS POWER POOL

ORDER NO. EA-98-A

BACKGROUND

Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. §824a(e)).

On September 2, 1994, in Order EA-98, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized 22 members of the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP) to individually enter into transactions which involve the exportation of electricity from the United States to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro), or other future Canadian members of the WSPP, under the terms and conditions of the WSPP's pooling agreement and service schedules approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

On December 29, 1995, WSPP, on behalf of its member companies, filed a request to amend Order No. EA-98 by adding the following names to the list of authorized exporters in this docket:

Coastal Electric Services Company
Englehard Power Marketing, Inc.
Enron Power Marketing
Entergy Power, Inc.
Equitable Power Services Company
Heartland Energy Services
Illinova Power Marketing, Inc.
Koch Power Services, Inc.
LG&E Power Marketing Inc.
Valero Power Services Company

Notice of the WSPP export application was placed in the Federal Register on January 30, 1996 (61 FR 3012), soliciting comments, protests, and petitions to intervene. None were received.

FINDING

The circumstances described in the WSPP application are virtually identical to those for which export authority has previously been granted in FE Order No. EA-98. Consequently, DOE finds that the electric reliability review prepared in FE Docket EA-98 is satisfactory in fulfilling the statutory requirements of the FPA. Specifically, that finding determined that the export of electric energy to Canada as requested by WSPP would not impair the sufficiency of electric supply within the United States and would not impede or tend to impede the coordination in the public interest of facilities in accordance with section 202(e) of the FPA.

Similarly, DOE finds that it has adequately satisfied its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation

of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-98 proceeding.

ORDER

Based on the above findings, the electricity export authorization issued on September 2, 1994, in Order EA-98, is amended by replacing the ordering language contained in paragraph (A) with the following:

(A) It is ordered that the following Applicants are authorized, individually, to export electric energy to BC Hydro, or other future Canadian members of the WSPP, under the terms and conditions of the WSPP's pooling agreement and service schedules which have been approved by the FERC:

Arizona Public Service Company
Central and South West Services. Inc.
Central Louisiana Electric Company
Coastal Electric Services Company
Englehard Power Marketing, Inc.
Enron Power Marketing
Entergy Power, Inc.
Equitable Power Services Company
Heartland Energy Services
Idaho Power Company
Illinova Power Marketing, Inc.
Kansas City Power & Light
Koch Power Services, Inc.
LG&E Power Marketing Inc.
Louis Dreyfus Electric Power, Inc.
Montana Power Company
Nevada Power Company
Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
PacifiCorp

Public Service Company of Colorado
Public Service Company of New Mexico
Public Service Company of Oklahoma
Puget Sound Power & Light Company
Sierra Pacific Power Company
Southern California Edison Company
Southwestern Public Service Company
Tucson Electric Power Company
Utilicorp United, Inc. (West Plains Energy)
Valero Power Services Company
Washington Water Power Company
Western Resources, Inc.

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